



Shelter Bay Office Open

As things start to get back to normal, the office will be open again for regular business. We only ask that you visit only if you need to be there in person, otherwise, emails and calls are the best communication. We appreciate your patience for these past two years!

Martha's Beach Closing Hours

April 1st to September 30th the Beach closes at 10 pm.
October 1st to March 31st the Beach closes at 7 p.m.

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Shelter Bay received Res. 2022-03-047 from the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Updating and Modifying their Covid-19 orders concerning Mask and Indoor Gathering Requirements. Effective Friday, March 18, 2022: Including but not limited to: The wearing of a mask in any other indoor public space is...optional unless required by the owner/operator and indoor gathering may take place, provided that...the number of participants does not exceed the posted Covid-19 safety capacity of the indoor space where the gathering is being held...To see the full Resolution please visit the SITC website.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

IN PREPARATION FOR THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

ON SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

The Board of Directors will be holding these meetings online via Zoom. You are invited to attend and participate.

FY 2022-2023 Budget Review Town Meeting – Wednesday, April 6th @ 5:00 p.m. - Join Zoom Meeting

Look for an email or log on to the website for details to join the meeting

This will be the final opportunity for the Members to provide the Board input before the Board approves the Budget at their meeting on April 20th and prior to Member ratification at the May 21, 2022 Annual Membership Meeting.

Meet the Candidates Town Meeting – Wednesday, April 27th @ 5:00 p.m. - Join Zoom Meeting

Look for an email or log on to the website for details to join the meeting

Please take this opportunity to meet the Candidates running to fill 3 positions on the Board of Directors. Seven Members have thrown their hats in the ring to fill the seats of vacating Directors Steve Swigert & Chris Gaudette. Director Louise Kari will be seeking re-election. Candidates Nancy Shimeall, Dan McCaughan, Stu Gustafson, Brad Vorhees, Judy Kontos, & Joe Harper will be seeking your support. Each candidate will provide a brief statement and then Members will have the opportunity to ask questions.

President's Message



March has been a busy month for the Shelter Bay Board.

As I write this we have just wrapped up our budget development meet concerning capitol expenses. I was very pleased to see so many Shelter Bay residents in attendance. Board treasurer Louise

Kari did a fine job going through the draft budget spreadsheet and we received a great deal of input from the members. The lower swimming pool was the focal point for quite a bit of discussion. Opinions ranged from building a completely new pool (approx. \$1,000,000) to bringing the existing pool up to code (approx. \$600,000), to doing nothing and leaving the pool closed until we secure a new lease. In April the Board will be forming a pool taskforce to study the options and make recommendations.

On March 1st we brought on board our new General Manager Rick Tanner. He brings a wealth of HOA management background and we are extremely happy to have found a person with his wide breadth of experience. A shout out and big thankyou to Board member Judi Slajer and the Recruitment Committee for doing such a fine job of recruiting.

We have also been busy interviewing candidates to re-

place Board member Kevin Jackman who resigned in January. We have selected Rod Proctor, a sixteen year resident of Shelter Bay. Rod has a great deal of history serving on both for-profit and non-profit boards. He has also served on the Shelter Bay Tax Advisory Committee and is currently Commodore of the Shelter Bay Yacht Club.

Negotiations for a new master lease continue. We have been meeting with Tribal Senators every two or three weeks as a small group consisting of four Shelter Bay Board members and four members of the Swinomish Senate. This is the first time in the history of our attempts at securing a new master lease, that the negotiations have been taking place directly between Board and Senate members!

Wishing you all a Happy Spring!

Jack Galbraith, President
Shelter Bay Board of Directors



ANNUAL MASTER LEASE

Statements are Coming May 1

It is that time of year again when Shelter Bay Company will bill for the Annual Leasehold Rent required in your sublease. If you have signed up for automatic ACH withdrawal and do not want your sublease subject to this type of payment, please contact the Office, otherwise we will process the payment per the Authorization Form on file. If you pay Shelter Bay with a check each month, be sure to make your Annual Sublease payment out to ***Shelter Bay Company***. If you make the check out to Shelter Bay Community or combine the amount with your monthly HOA Shelter Bay Community payment, the check will be returned to you for correction.



Every Member and Tenant is required to abide by the Shelter Bay Rules and Regulations and picking up your dog's waste is one of those rules. Please be conscientious to neighbors and the environment, and take a moment to dispose of Fido's waste properly.

As a side note, please keep all pets on a leash and under control at all times for the safety of your pet and others.

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET**

Community members are asked to become familiar with the proposed FY 2022-2023 Operating and Capital Improvement Projects Budget. The proposed draft Budget is at the Members Only section of the Website beginning April 4th. Your input during the development of the Budget is welcome and encouraged.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEETINGS	
5:00 p.m. – Wednesday, April 6	TOWN MEETING – Review Draft Budget and introduce the Annual Meeting/Election Ballot Issues
4:00 p.m. – Wednesday, April 20	BOARD MEETING – Public Comment period and Board of Director approval of the proposed Budget
5:00 p.m. – Wednesday, April 27	TOWN MEETING – Meet the Board Candidates
10:00 a.m. – Saturday, May 21	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Members vote to ratify or reject the Board approved FY 2022-2023 Budget

All Meetings will be held online via Zoom unless otherwise noted– Sign-In Information will be provided in the members section of the website.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Thank you,

Monte Hicks, Board Secretary



KEEPING YOUR CELL PHONE CHARGED DURING AN EMERGENCY

You may love your cell phone or hate it. Either way, cell phones are woven into our daily lives and we’re hugely dependent on them for communication and information. An uncharged cell phone can have consequences ranging from inconvenient to life-threatening.

Our snowstorms and power outages several months ago highlighted this problem. The Clubhouse was opened as a warming shelter. People coming to the Clubhouse wanted, above all, to charge their cell phones. We were happy to help but there are other ways to keep your cell phone charged without leaving home.

The first type of backup system is simply a separate plug-in auxiliary battery. Battery capacity is measured in milli-Amp hours (mAh). A 10,000 mAh auxiliary battery will provide 2 or 3 recharges for your cell phone, depending on the cell phone’s degree of discharge. A 20,000 mAh battery should provide 3 – 4 recharges. These batteries are available at Costco, Best Buy, and Amazon. Prices run from \$20 to \$40. (Left side of picture)

The second backup system is an auxiliary battery with plug-in and solar charging capability. (I like this one) A 20,000 mAh capacity battery will provide 3 -4 cell phone recharges and the solar recharge capability means you can probably keep your cell phone alive indefinitely with moderate use. Prices run from \$25 to \$45. (Middle of picture)

The third backup system uses your car battery. You can plug into the cigarette lighter/power outlet. Or, most cars less than 5 years old also have USB power outlets which uses your us-charger cable. Car models differ, but most power up these outlets when you’re in “Accessory” mode. Don’t leave your car in “Start” mode or all car systems will powered up and the battery will discharge in a hurry. Price about 10 -\$15. (Right side of picture)



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Manager's Corner - Rick Tanner



Hello Shelter Bay,

Where to I begin? I clearly knew this was a special place after the first few Zoom calls with your search committee. Come join us they said, it will be fun they said. I think they all knew I was not fully grasping the level of “special” Shelter Bay really was, and to their credit, none of them let on.

That was then, and this is now, and in a very short time, you have grown on me, and I am embracing the special. Once I complete my first 30 days, Jack (Board President) promised me a key to the nice bathroom. You guys really know how to hang a carrot out there ☐

With some astonishing helpful volunteer work from SBC residents Monte Hicks & Buddy Speicher, I was finally able to squeeze into an actual office, with a door and a window! The help was important because I wanted to avoid splitting people up by moving someone out to the annex. When I was first told of “the annex” I thought it was a joke referencing the TV show *The Office*. In an effort to confirm this, I walked over there looking for Toby. It’s actually a nice community library with a meeting room and a couple of small offices.

As we all know, timing is everything and my timing has been terrible. I arrived just after budget season should have started. Not after it passed, not before it started, exactly the worst possible timing to jump in. But wait, that’s not all. Shelter Bay is also transitioning both their payroll and property management software packages, which would be a big deal all by itself. We may also be transitioning our banking services and as I am reminded daily, there is the master lease looming. That alone has volumes of information to digest. *Soft violins play in the background.*

While it is all overwhelming right now, this too shall pass, and I truly am happy to be here regardless of timing. I am also happy to not be alone here, which was the plan. The week I arrived, Sherri flew out to the East coast to meet up with her hiking partner and thru hike of the Appalachian Trail. That bloody hike is 2,200 miles up and down mountains from Georgia to Maine and can take 6 months or more. I know what you’re thinking but it actually is a thing with serious hikers from all over the world attempting it every year. Sadly, (for Sherri) just a week into the hike a foot injury forced her off the trail and back here with me. I am ecstatic about that, and she is starting to wrap her head around it.

In short, I am doing my best to roll with the steep learning curve, taking the good with the bad and keeping my eye on the prize. That shiny key to the nice bathroom! I can almost smell the air freshener. Thanks Jack, you’re the best.

Rick Tanner

General Manager



SNOWGEESE ON LA CONNER WHITNEY RD—2022



Board Meeting—March 16, 2022

- 1) Approved to allow the FAC to remove the irrigation system in the wetlands adjacent to the tennis courts on Shoshone.
- 2) Approved the Communications Committee request to place a flier in the April monthly billing requesting committee volunteers after removing “Doesn’t need currently” from any listings and add “We encourage everyone to attend even without being a member”.
- 3) Authorized the Allocation of certain Undesignated Operating Retained Earnings/Net Income to Capital Reserve Funds in the amount of \$530,072 effective March 16, 2022.
- 4) Authorized the General Manager, Rick Tanner, and newly elected Board Secretary Monte Hicks to have authority over all Shelter Bay Community Inc. Bank and Investment Accounts.
- 5) Adopted the updates Organizational Chart to better reflect the current structure.
- 6) Authorized Expenditure for \$30,000 to allow the GM Tanner and spouse to renovate the Guard House located at 1006 Shelter Bay Drive in exchange for an Open Lease of the Residence at a Preferred Rate.
- 7) Approved the Communications Committee sending out a pool survey with the inclusion of the questions, “Would you want to explore a year-round pool” and report findings during the Capital Budget Town Hall Meeting.
- 8) Approved change of Title from Community Manager to General Manager.
- 9) Appointed Karen Jensen as Member of the Soc & Rec Committee & Library Volunteer.
- 10) Appointed Pamela Hassler as Member of the Facilities and Amenities Committee.

The Shelter Bay Company had no action items.

The Shelter Bay Garden Club will be meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 3:00 p.m. at the Shelter Bay BBQ Pavilion. Everyone is welcome to come.

Some members gathered this month to weed the mound by the BBQ Pavilion. We will try to keep it neat until a plan can be developed for its use. We will continue to do our spring clean-up on the various Adopt-a-Garden beds around the Clubhouse and Marina.

If you have any questions about the Garden Club please contact Pamela Hassler pamela.hassler1@gmail.com If you would like to get on our email list for updates of what we are doing please contact Karen Mason karenmason321@gmail.com



Shelter Bay Firewise Community Action Plan

The main goal of the Shelter Bay Firewise Community Action Plan is to minimize the potential for loss of homes during a wildland fire.

Being a forestland community, Shelter Bay is at high risk of wildland fire. The right side of the photo shows what a Firewise cut looks like and the left side of the photo shows the before the Firewise cut. Our dedicated staff is continuing to work on keeping our Community Firewise safe! Read more about our plan and how you can help at the Shelter Bay website.



SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS



I wandered lonely as a cloud that floats on high o'er vales and hills, when all at once I saw a crowd, a host, of golden daffodils; beside the lake, beneath the trees, fluttering and dancing in the breeze" - *Williams Wordsworth*



Tulip Festival - The Month of April
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www.tulipfestival.org/events/

TULIP FACT:
At one point in history, tulips were the most expensive flower in the world. Between 1634 and 1637 it is said tulips cost almost 10 times what an average working-class man earned in a year; this time period was known as "Tulip Mania".



SHELTER BAY BOOK CLUB

It has not yet been decided whether we will meet in person or via Zoom, and generally we meet on the first Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Please watch your email for further information. All Shelter Bay residents are invited to participate. You are welcome to come and go as your availability and interest dictate. Please contact Mary Newby at:



maryknewby@wavecable.com with any questions and to be put on the email list.

When: Monday, April 4, 1:00 p.m.
Book: Dutch House
By: Ann Patchett
Discussion Leader: TBA

When: Monday, May 2, 1:00 p.m.
Book: Beach Music
By: Pat Conroy
Discussion Leader: Peggy Duehning

Communiversality is looking for instructors who would like to Zoom through Covid. It doesn't look like we are able to meet at the Clubhouse any time soon. We would like to continue providing educational opportunities on Zoom and are looking for instructors. Can you do a cooking or a stained-glass demonstration? Think about what you love to do and share it with us. Contact Carolyn Caporgno at;

glencaporgno@frontier.com if you have a class idea or if you can share a skill you have with us.

Looking forward to a return of Communiversality classes to the Shelter Bay Clubhouse. We are lining up presentations for the near future. There may be Zoom presentations as well since we still have many presenters and audience members who remain comfortable with that venue. Watch the website and future newsletters for details. Thank you to those who have supported our Zoom classes throughout COVID.



Recap



SRC St Patrick's celebration was a full-filled event with community members, laughter, Shepard's Pie, Irish beer and lots of dogs (and people) decked out in their cute Irish costumes. Big shout-out to Carye and Terry Green (#155) for baking our Shepard pies and donating the embroidered Irish coffee recipe dish towel.



FIRE DISTRICT 13

February 16—March 15
Response Summary

Falls	1
Fire Alarm	0
Welfare Check/	
Citizen Assist	2
Medical Calls	10
Total Responses	13



SAVE THE DATE!

All Shelter Bay residents are invited to join the Social and Recreational Committee in the La Conner Tulip Parade on:

April 9th @ 1pm.

Watch for upcoming details on the Shelter Bay website and Residents of Shelter Bay FB page for dates to decorate a float and parade day info.

Don't forget to visit the **La Conner Chamber of Commerce** website for updates on how to support our local businesses in these unprecedented times. Now, more than ever, they need your help and support. For retail and services, you can buy gift cards now and use them later, and shop through their online stores. Help these businesses make it through this crisis. Who doesn't love a gift card as a gift?! They also have a list, updated regularly, to easily see which restaurants offer takeout and curbside delivery.

Their website is at: <https://lovelaconner.com/>

Safe Waling Tips

It's getting nicer out and that means more people will be out walking. Please drive the speed limit and be on the look out for your neighbors. For those of you walking, please remember these tips:

- ◇ Walk against traffic. You will see a car far before you hear it and this will allow you the ability to be a defensive walker.
- ◇ Wear bright clothing during the day and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight from dusk to dawn walking.
- ◇ Keep alert at all times. Don't be distracted by using electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road.



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*Bunny Hop
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April 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3	4 <i>3:00 Safety Committee</i>	5 <i>9:00 Architectural Compliance Committee (ACC)</i> <i>3:00 Rules Committee (RUCO)</i>	6 <i>5:00 Town Hall Proposed Budget Review Meeting</i>	7 <i>9:00 Facilities & Amenities Committee (FAC)</i>	8	9 <i>1:00 Tulip Parade in La Conner</i>
10	11	12 <i>3:00 Harbor Committee</i>	13 <i>3:00 Soc & Rec Committee</i>	14 <i>9:00 Facilities Committee (FAC)</i> <i>1:30 Communications Committee (COMMCO)</i>	15	16
17 <i>Easter</i> 	18	19 <i>9:00 Architectural Compliance Committee (ACC)</i>	20 <i>4:00 Regular Board Mtg</i> <i>6:00 Company Board Mtg</i>	21 <i>1:30 Communications Committee</i>	22	23
24	25	26	27 <i>5:00 Town Hall Meeting—Meet the Board Candidates</i>	28	29	30



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